

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
May 25, 2005**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

**Board Members**

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman  
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman  
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.<sup>2</sup>  
William G. Bouie  
Kevin J. Fay  
Kenneth G. Feng<sup>1</sup>  
Harry Glasgow  
Georgette Kohler  
George E. Lovelace  
Gilbert S. McCutcheon  
Winifred S. Shapiro

<sup>1</sup>Arrived at 7:43 p.m.

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**Staff**

Michael A. Kane, Director  
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director  
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring  
Brian Daly  
Cindy Messinger  
Judy Pedersen  
Lynn Tadlock

Seema Ajrawat  
Andi Dorlester  
Nick Duray  
Kirk Holley  
Don Sweeney

Guests: Jan Brody, Assistant County Attorney

**AGENDA CHANGES**

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kane requested that ADMIN 1 Approval – Resolution Honoring Chris Strand for Service to the Fairfax County Park Authority (with Presentation) be considered by the Park Authority Board prior to CLOSED SESSION. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM****ADMIN-1 Approval – Resolution Honoring Chris Strand for Service to the Fairfax County Park Authority (with Presentation)**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the resolution for Mr. Strand in honor of his accomplishments over the past eight years; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Messrs. Batten and Feng not having arrived. There was no discussion on this item.

**PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Kane read the Resolution and Messrs. Kane and Strickland presented the Resolution to Chris Strand. Mr. Strickland thanked Chris for his service to the Park Authority. Chris thanked the Park Authority Board and staff and stated that he enjoyed working with everyone at the Park Authority, which is a world class institution. In response to where he was going, Chris stated that he was going to Winterthur, Delaware, to serve as director of the gardens at the estate.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Land Acquisition, Legal Matters and Closed Session Minutes were discussed.

At 8:04 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

**ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**NOTE: For consistency in reporting and future research, the Administrative Assistant keeps all items in numerical order as discussed during Closed Session.**

**C-1. Legal Matters – Update on Virginia's Supreme Court Case Regarding Lewinsville Park**

There was no action on this item.

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**C-2. Closed Session Minutes dated May 11, 2005**

Mr. Glasgow **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Closed Session Minutes dated May 11, 2005; **SECONDED** by Mr. Lovelace **APPROVED** by all Board Members except Mr. Fay who **ABSTAINED** from the vote because he was absent from the May 11, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting.

**C-3. Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA)**

There was no action on this item.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Strickland continued with the Park Authority Board Agenda.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS****ADMIN-1 Approval – Resolution Honoring Chris Strand for Service to the Fairfax County Park Authority (with Presentation)**

This item was heard at the beginning of the Park Authority Board meeting prior to CLOSED SESSION.

**ADMIN-2 Approval – Request for Land Dedication for Loudoun County Rezoning ZMAP-2005-0005 Adjacent to Sully Woodlands Park**

Due to a critical Loudoun County deadline, this item was not reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the following summary comments regarding ZMAP 2005-0005, Braddock South Village (Loudoun County):

- The Park Authority requests that the applicant dedicate approximately 8 acres of Cornell Loudoun Farm that lies in Fairfax County and is surrounded by Sully Woodlands Park to the Park Authority. This land area would provide a valuable link between stream valley parkland in Fairfax County and proposed stream valley open space on the site and further buffer parkland from the proposed development.
- The developer should redesign the proposed development so as to situate the open space conservancy area immediately adjacent to Fairfax County and Sully Woodlands Park.
- Loudoun County should review the density of this development in light of its impacts to the Occoquan watershed.

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The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present. There was no discussion on this item.

**ADMIN-3 Adoption of Minutes – April 27, 2005 and May 11, 2005, Park Authority Board Meeting**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the April 27 and May 11, 2005 Park Authority Board meetings; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie and **APPROVED** by all Board Members except Mr. Fay who **ABSTAINED** from the vote because he was absent from the May 11, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting. There was no discussion on this item.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A-1 Adoption of FY 2006 Park Revenue Fund Budget (Fund 170)**

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on May 11, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Lovelace **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the adoption of the FY 2006 budget for the Park Revenue Fund, Fund 170; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present. There was no discussion on this item.

**A-2 Renaming of Popes Head Estates Park to Patriot Park**

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the renaming of Popes Head Estates Park to Patriot Park in accordance with Policy 106 Naming of Parks; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present. There was no discussion on this item.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**I-1. FY 2006 Adopted Budget Plan for the General Fund Budget (Fund 001)**

**I-2 FY 2006 Adopted Budget Plan for the General County Construction Fund (Fund 303)**

**I-3 FY 2005 Third Quarter Budget Review – General Fund (Fund 001)**

**I-4 FY 2005 Third Quarter Budget Review – Park Revenue Fund (Fund 170)**

INFORMATION ITEMS 1 through 4 were reviewed by the Budget Committee on

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May 11, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed INFORMATION ITEMS 1 through 4 and no action was necessary. There was no discussion on these items.

### **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- **National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA)**

Mr. Strickland commended the Colvin Run staff and volunteers for hosting the NRPA reception. Mr. Strickland also thanked Judy Pedersen for a job well done, and the Park Authority Board Members Malone, Vajda, Fay, Kohler, Lovelace, and Glasgow for their attendance at the event.

Mr. Strickland congratulated Mr. Kane for his appointment to the NRPA Board of Professional Trustees.

- **Cub Run RECenter and Sully Woodlands – Channel 16's Notebook**

Mr. Strickland reported that on June 20, the Cub Run RECenter and Sully Woodlands will be featured on Channel 16's Notebook. Mr. Strickland noted that the Red Carpet Premier will be in early June so Board Members should watch for the advertisement. Mr. Strickland stated that Supervisor Frey, Park Authority Director Kane and he were at the Cub Run RECenter explaining what features are at the center and how Sully Woodlands came together.

- **Opening of Cub Run RECenter on May 22**

Mr. Strickland thanked Board Members for their participation at the opening of the Cub Run RECenter on May 22. Mr. Strickland reported that there was a great turn out and that he believes the citizens will really enjoy the RECenter. Mr. Strickland also thanked Ms. Pedersen for her efforts to make the opening of the RECenter run well.

Mr. Strickland noted that former Board Members Harold Henderson and Jennifer Heinz also attended the grand opening of the Cub Run RECenter.

- **Letter to Fairfax County Public School Board Chairman**

Mr. Strickland distributed a copy of the letter Bob Brennan, Park Foundation Executive Director, wrote to Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, Fairfax County Public School Board Chairman, regarding the Bright Futures program.

### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- **Springfield Days / Cardboard Boat Regatta**

Mr. Kane reported that the 16th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta and Springfield Days Festival will be held June 2-5, 2005. This is the 10th year that the Park Authority has worked with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce to provide the community with a festival which has grown in size

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and popularity. The Festival now draws over 30,000 people for the four



day event which includes a carnival, community fair, art show, business expo, entertainment, fireworks, food, parade, and the popular Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park. The Park Authority takes the lead role in coordinating the Cardboard Boat Regatta, carnival, fireworks, music festival, and food vendors. It also provides support to the parade, community fair, art show, and business expo.

- **Summer 2005 Class Registrations at Cub Run**

Mr. Kane stated that the first day of summer 2005 registration was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005. Cub Run had the second highest number of registrants for the day (943); all 40 classes were filled (36 of which are aquatics) with a waiting list of 151 (135 of which are aquatics); and 20 birthday parties were booked on opening day.

Mr. Kane reported that 7.6% of registrants were non-county residents (lower than the 9% at Mt. Vernon and 7.7% at Lee RECcenters) - keep in mind this percentage would not translate to general admissions or passes, as the fee differential is much higher in those categories.

- **NRPA Board of Trustees Reception**

Mr. Kane noted that he had been invited to attend the closing banquet on Saturday, May 21, 2005 and he was surprised with the presentation of a special recognition award to the Park Authority for hosting the NRPA Board of Trustees this year. Mr. Kane circulated the plaque around the room.

- **Park Authority Receives Three Communication Awards**

Mr. Kane asked Charlie Bittenbring to apprise the board of the awards that members of Park Services had received. Mr. Bittenbring stated that at the May 11, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Kane reported that the Park Authority was the recipient of three Blue Pencil Awards given by the National Association of Government Communicators. The place was to be announced in Austin, Texas at the annual conference. Judy Pedersen attended the conference and accepted the awards on behalf of the Park Authority.

The staff in the Production Services section of the Park Services Division was also honored with a second place win in the Local Magazine category for *Parktakes Magazine*. The quarterly catalogue is one of the best read publications in the area with a circulation in the Northern Virginia area that exceeds 165,000. Editor Daphne Hutchinson shares these accolades with advertising manager Susan Trayers, graphic designer Joanne Kearney, photographer Don Sweeney and editorial assistant Barbara Kousens.

The Great Blue Heron, cover photo for the winter 2004 *Parktakes Magazine*, took first place in the color photography category. Staff photographer Don Sweeney took the photograph at Huntley

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Meadows Park in Alexandria, Virginia.

Production Services Manager Daphne Hutchinson received a first place spot for her Writer's Portfolio which included a variety of written materials for publications, award nominations and scripted songs for the annual Elly Doyle Awards program.

- **Celebrate Fairfax**

Mr. Kane reminded Board Members that Celebrate Fairfax is fast approaching with an entire weekend of activities planned June 10-12, 2005. The Park Authority will participate as usual; Mr. Kane asked Public Information Officer Judy Pedersen to explain the details of the effort.

Ms. Pedersen reported that this year the Park Authority is working in tandem with the Resource Management Division to give folks a taste of history, a bit of cultural awareness, and a smidgeon of information about the natural world as we look at our parks. This year the Park Authority is focusing on creating a "Window to Our Parks."

Ms. Pedersen mentioned the many volunteers and staff members who work hard to make this possible and particularly the staff in Park Operations who will create the Park Authority's booth and set it up and tear it down over the weekend. Ms. Pedersen expressed her appreciation to the Park Operations staff, the Resource Management staff and all the volunteers who are helping to make this an event to be remembered.

- **Park Elements of the County Comprehensive Plan**

Mr. Kane reported that on June 6, 2005, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing regarding the draft amendments to the Parks Element of the County Comprehensive Plan. These amendments were recently approved by the Planning Commission. As discussed previously, he hopes that Board Members have a chance to speak with their respective Supervisors to encourage their support and to ask them if they have any issues or questions that need response prior to the hearing. Mr. Kane stated that some speaking points and a brief summary memo were at the Board Members' places.

Staff will be contacting the administrative staff of each of the members of the Board of Supervisors to brief them on what the Comprehensive Plan changes are. It would also be a good opportunity for the Park Authority Board members to contact their respective Supervisors to explain the Comprehensive Plan and explain the process the Park Authority Board has gone through to get to this point. Kirk Holley and Sandy Stallman have put together a summary and a reference document for the board's use in their meetings with their respective Supervisors.

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- **Letter to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) RE: Impact of the Tri-County Parkway**

Mr. Glasgow complimented staff for the letter to VDOT regarding the impact the Tri-County Parkway would have on the Park Authority. Harry noted that there were 10 pages of a stellar argument against the alignment.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Chairman: Mr. Strickland*

*Members: Ms. Malone and Mr. Vajda*

*Staff: Mr. Kane*

Mr. Strickland, Chairman of the Executive Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated May 4, 2005. Mr. Strickland stated that the committee meets prior to all board meetings and on the Park Authority Board's Committee Day. Mr. Strickland reported that the committee had met on May 25, 2005. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2005.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Administration and Management Committee**

*Chairman: Ed Batten*

*Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mr. Bouie, Mr. Feng, and Mr. Lovelace*

*Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Division Director for Administration*

Mr. Batten, Chairman of the Administration and Management Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated April 13, 2005. The next committee meeting will be announced.

#### **Budget Committee**

*Chairman: Mr. Feng*

*Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Bouie and Mr. Fay*

*Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Chief Financial Officer, Administration Division*

Mr. Feng, Chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that the committee minutes dated May 11, 2005 will be forthcoming. The next committee meeting will be announced.

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Planning and Development Committee

*Chairman: Mrs. Shapiro*

*Members: Ms. Malone, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda*

*Staff: Lynn Tadlock, Division Director for Planning and Development*

Mrs. Shapiro, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated May 4, 2005. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2005.

Park Operations Committee

*Chairman: Ms. Malone*

*Members: Mr. Bouie, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda*

*Staff: Brian Daly, Division Director for Park Operations*

Ms. Malone, Chairman of the Park Operations Committee, reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2005.

Joint Administration and Management / Park Operations Committees

Mr. Batten and Ms. Malone reported that the committee minutes for the Joint Administration and Management / Park Operations Committees dated May 4, 2005, would be forthcoming.

Resource Management Committee

*Chairman: Mr. Vajda*

*Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, and Mr. McCutcheon*

*Staff: Cindy Messinger, Division Director for Resource Management*

Mr. Vajda, Chairman of the Resource Management Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated April 27, 2005. The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2005.

Park Services Committee

*Chairman: Mr. McCutcheon*

*Members: Mr. Batten, Mr. Bouie, Mr. Feng, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, and Mr. Vajda*

*Staff: Charlie Bittenbring, Division Director for Park Services*

Mr. McCutcheon, Chairman of the Park Services Committee, reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2005.

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WORKING/OVERSIGHT COMMITTEESElly Doyle Park Service Award CommitteeBoard of Directors

*President: Hal Strickland, Fairfax County Park Authority*

*Vice President: Walter Mess, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority*

*Secretary: Joanne Malone, Fairfax County Park Authority*

Executive Committee

*President: Winifred S. Shapiro, Fairfax County Park Authority*

*Members: Joanne E. Malone (Fairfax County Park Authority)*

*Gilbert S. McCutcheon (Fairfax County Park Authority)*

*Frank S. Vajda (Fairfax County Park Authority)*

*William G. Bouie (Fairfax County Park Authority)*

*Staff: Judy Pedersen, Staff Liaison*

Mr. Strickland, President of the Executive Committee for the Elly Doyle Park Service Award Committee reported that the committee had met on May 25, 2005.

Public Links, Inc

*Members: Mr. Strickland, Ms. Malone and Mr. Vajda*

*Staff: Mr. Kane, Mrs. Messinger, and Mr. Furey*

Mr. Strickland, Chairman of Public Links, Inc., distributed copies of the annual meeting minutes dated May 26, 2004.

**FOR THE RECORD**

Mr. Vajda requested that the Administration and Management committee minutes dated April 13, 2005, the Resource Management committee minutes dated April 27, 2005, the Executive Committee minutes dated May 4, 2005 and the Planning and Development committee minutes dated May 4, 2005, be entered into the record. **IN THE ABSENCE OF AN OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.**

**BOARD MATTERS**

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone stated that she enjoyed herself at the Park Authority's reception for the NRPA Board of Trustees at Colvin Run. She enjoyed speaking to individuals from all over the country to hear about their park situations. They were interested in our parks and enjoyed their daytime activities.

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Ms. Malone thanked the quartet for their performance, and the folks that prepared the food using ingredients from Colvin Run Mill.

Ms. Malone was pleased to finally see the Cub Run RECenter open. She is certain that everyone will have a great time using the facility.

Ms. Malone reported that on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Planning Commission held a public hearing for a 2232 application for Nottoway Park. The meeting was well attended and there were several questions of staff by the Commissioners regarding the application and related master plan. The approval was deferred until June 2005. Ms. Malone and staff will be meeting with Supervisor Smyth and Planning Commissioner Ken Lawrence to ensure that the process was followed to the letter and beyond, and that the citizens were given ample opportunity to be heard in this process. The Planning Commission is reviewing the decision of the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Lovelace noted that he had reminded the Athletic Council that the 2232 was coming before the Planning Commission. The Athletic Council indicated that it was going to write a letter in support of the plan.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda echoed Joanne Malone's comments regarding the reception for NRPA at Colvin Run Mill. Everyone who was involved did a truly magnificent job.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon had no Board Matters.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro thanked Brian Daly and Mark Rogers for meeting with the Braddock Road Civic Association to discuss playground renovation.

Mrs. Shapiro noted that Supervisor Bulova sent a letter to County Executive Griffin in support of using Stormwater Management dollars for additional funding for the Lake Accotink dredging project. Mr. Kane stated that a meeting had been scheduled for Monday, June 13, with the Deputy County Executive and the Department of Public Works to discuss the Lake Accotink dredging project.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng congratulated staff for the opening of Cub Run RECenter and the Colvin Run reception. He noted that he and his children attended the grand opening of the RECenter. All the comments he

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overheard were complimentary.



- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay, Dranesville District representative, thanked staff for their good work at Colvin Run, as well as the volunteers, and Friends of Colvin Run, who took the opportunity to discuss their enthusiastic support for the facility.

Mr. Fay noted that the reception gave him an opportunity to discuss some issues with Fran Mainella, Director of the National Park Service.

Mr. Fay reported that McLean Day was held on Saturday, May 21, 2005, at Lewinsville Park. Due to the rain that fell on Friday, May 20, 2005, the park experienced quite a bit of damage. Mr. Fay expressed his desire to move the event to another location in the future.

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten apologized for not being able to attend the NRPA reception on Thursday, May 19, 2005, due to a prior commitment.

Mr. Batten noted that last year during the Springfield Days celebration, Mrs. Shapiro convinced him to participate and be a judge at the Cardboard Boat Regatta, and he never had so much fun. Mr. Batten encouraged anyone that has never participated to do so, and enjoy. The participants seem to really have fun, even though they appear to be drowning.

Mr. Batten announced that in regard to Celebrate Fairfax he has been selected to be Lord Fairfax honoree for Lee District.

- **Georgette Kohler**

Ms. Kohler stated that she had a lot of fun at the reception at Colvin Run. Kirk Holley served as her tour guide. Ms. Kohler went to the Grist Mill and Mason Maddox had a lot a fun telling everyone about the mill.

The Cub Run RECenter opening was an exciting event. Ms. Kohler could not get over the number of fathers waiting in line with their daughters to get on the slide.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace stated that the opening of Cub Run RECenter was the first RECenter opening of his career. He ran into a number of people he knew. Mr. Lovelace believes that everyone will enjoy the center and it motivates him somewhat to get back to exercising, at a RECenter near him.

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He stated that he also enjoyed the reception at Colvin Run. He had an opportunity to speak with people from his neck of the woods, who were from Indiana and Ohio.

Mr. Lovelace announced that he attended the Athletic Council meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2005, and was able to share the sentiments that were mentioned that the Park Authority wants them to identify or develop the priorities for the turf fields. The Athletic Council set up a committee that night to address the issue.

Mr. Lovelace reported that the Jamestown 2007 Celebration Committee met on Tuesday, May 24, 2005. He is serving on the Events Committee which will try to gather programs and activities that various organizations are planning to put together so that they can give it to the Communications Committee which in turn will get the information out to everyone. If anyone would like to know more about the committee or would like to put on a program or hold an event they should contact the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs at 703-324-3187, Debra Bianchi.

The Resource Management Division has put together a package of events that the Park Authority will be doing all the way through to 2007. The Committee was very impressed.

- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Mr. Glasgow congratulated Colvin Run staff for a good event and the Cub Run RECenter grand opening was wonderful.

- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie apologized for not attending the reception at Colvin Run.

The Cub Run RECenter grand opening was absolutely great. Mr. Bouie extended his thanks to staff. Cub Run RECenter was also great on Sunday night after dinner, when he and his wife returned, then again on Monday evening when Mrs. Bouie went to sign up for Pilates classes, and again on Tuesday when she arranged for a personal trainer. Cub Run RECenter is eight minutes from their home and is now in her training regiment as a racquetball champion even without racquetball courts.

Mr. Bouie reported that he had his first opportunity to attend his first public meeting on the Lawyers Road School Site on Tuesday, May 17, 2005. He extended his thanks to Kirk Holley and Irish Grandfield for conducting the meeting. The meeting went very well. Public input is tentatively scheduled for July 12, 2005. Approximately 75-100 people attended the meeting and the comments were well taken. Mr. Bouie commented how well prepared staff was for this meeting.

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The Skate Park event held at the Wiehle Avenue Park and Ride Lot was attended by over 200 skaters. It was a great afternoon. Supervisor Hudgins was also in attendance. Charlie Bittenbring and Bob Brennan did such a magnificent job with the event that he had another meeting with Supervisor Hudgins and with her assistant and are planning two more of these events in the fall, perhaps in the September/October time frame. Mr. Bouie stated that he did not skate but Bob Brennan did.

Looking at all the different sports in which kids participate, there are 40 million kids participating in some type of skating event. The Park Authority really needs to listen to them. Mr. Bouie feels that there is room for a skate park at Lake Fairfax. There are people that have stepped up to form a public-private partnership. Mr. Bouie further stated that he would be willing to listen to those individuals so he can present a proposal to the board. The demand is there for another facility similar to the one at Wakefield Park.

Mr. Bouie stated that there is so much that is good within the Park Authority; there are so many programs. Being a technology guy, Mr. Bouie stated that one of the things the Park Authority can do a better job at is communicating all the great things that go on at the Park Authority and its parks. A few board members were talking to see if there was some sort of update that they could put on the website where someone could hit a button and it could play the highlights of the what the Park Authority has done within the last 30-60 days. He requested that staff look into this possibility. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

Mr. Bouie noted that a number of Little League Baseball teams will be holding championship games during next few weeks, if anyone has not been to any of them, this is a great opportunity. The kids ages 7-12 will be having a ball. This is the start on the path to Williamsport.

Mr. Bouie reported that he received a call from a reporter regarding Martha's Garden. Mr. Bouie asked if there was anything new.

- **There were no other BOARD MATTERS reported.**

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP**

- Alternative Funding and Partnerships

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Strickland **ADJOURNED** the May 25, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting.

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Frank S. Vajda  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Michael A. Kane, Director

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